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SUBJECT: Haiti Accepts Registration of Fanmi Lavalas for

Parliamentary Elections

- 11. (U) On November 20, the Provisional Election Council (CEP) announced that it accepted the registration of the Famni Lavalas party (FL) for participation in the parliamentary elections scheduled for February March 2010. This action by the CEP comes in response to a letter addressed to the CEP from former-president Jean Bertrand Aristide designating Dr. Maryse Narcisse as the representative of FL, with the authority to designate FL candidates for the elections.
- 12. (SBU) The letter, submitted to the CEP before the closing of the November 20 registration deadline, was a PDF image and not the original letter. The CEP conditioned the registration of FL pending the later receipt of the original letter. The MINUSTAH office of political affairs informed Post that, according to Narcisse, the original letter is en route from South Africa and should arrive in Haiti on Monday, November 23.

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